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Applicant(s):	Harald Schmidt et al.	)	
Application No.	09/762,767	)	
Filed:	June 1, 2001	)	Group Art Unit: 1652
For:	ISOLATED AND PURIFIED HUMAN SOLUBLE GUANYLYLCYCLASE $\alpha 1/\beta 1$ (hsGC $\alpha 1/\beta 1$ )	)	
Examiner:	Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.	)	Attorney Docket No. <u>VOS-101</u>

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A one-month extension in the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003 on the above-identified application, i.e., to and including January 9, 2004, is respectfully requested. Submitted herewith are: (1) an Amendment and Response to the Office Action and (2) the required fee of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment concerning this matter to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 8 January 2004  
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